



$\mu\text{M}$ , respectively, cells remain viable 1 week post-treatment even at 10  $\mu\text{M}$  of Nutlin-3, in contrast with the SJSA-1 cells with viability lost at 3  $\mu\text{M}$  of Nutlin-3 treatment. [1] Nutlin-3 does not induce the phosphorylation of p53 on key serine residues and reveals no difference in their sequence-specific DNA binding and ability to transactivate p53 target genes compared with phosphorylated p53 induced by the genotoxic drugs doxorubicin and etoposide, demonstrating that phosphorylation of p53 on key serines is dispensable for transcriptional activation and apoptosis. [2] Although binding less efficiently to MDMX than to MDM2, Nutlin-3 can block the MDMX-p53 interaction and induce the p53 pathway in retinoblastoma cells (Weri1) with IC50 of 0.7  $\mu\text{M}$ . [3] Nutlin-3 at 30  $\mu\text{M}$  also disrupts endogenous p73-HDM2 interaction and enhances the stability and proapoptotic activities of p73, leading to the dose-dependent cell growth inhibition and apoptosis induction in cells without wild-type p53. [4]

Oral administration of Nutlin-3 at 200 mg/kg twice daily for 3 weeks significantly inhibits the tumor growth of SJAS-1 xenografts by 90%, comparable with the effect of doxorubicin treatment with 81% inhibition of tumor growth. [1]

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